(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

International rail corridor

285. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a feasibility study has been undertaken to create an international rail corridor to link India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the pattern of funding the project, and its present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No study has been undertaken by Ministry of Railways for creating international rail corridor to link India Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in tatkal charges

286. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the railways have taken a decision to make an increase in the 'tatkal charges' payable by passengers undertaking journey at short notice;

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto;

(c) the reasons and justification for steep increase in the 'tatkal charges',

(d) whether the Railways have also taken a decision to discontinue with the practice of attaching 'tatkal coaches';

(e) if so, the manner in which the passengers purchasing tickets at short notice are likely to be accommodated in trains; and